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In re Application of :
Kawamoto et al. : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/518,808 :
Filed: March 3, 2000 :
Atty Docket No. 7217/31035 :

This is a decision on the RENEWED PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(B) filed December 14, 2006 (certificate of mailing dated December 11, 2006).

Preliminarily, it is noted that petitioner has modified form PTO/SB/64 by adding the word "RENEWED" but without deleting the Form number or the OMB information. As stated on the Office's website on the forms page:

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The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned effective January 29, 2006 for failure to file a timely reply to the final Office action mailed October 28, 2005. A courtesy Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 19, 2006. By decision mailed October 13, 2006, the initial PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(B) filed July 19, 2006 was dismissed for failure to provide the required reply.

On instant renewed petition, applicants have submitted the required reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (and RCE fee) and an amendment. Applicants have now satisfied all requirements for revival.

Technology Center AU 2143 has been advised of this decision. The application is, thereby, forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the RCE and submission submitted on petition filed December 14, 2006.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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